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Few guidelines, treatments for contaminated water

Just a century ago, this historic city of Philadelphia notched by the Delaware and Schuylkill treated these rivers as public sewers, but few cared until the waters ran black with stinking filth that spread cholera and typhoid. Today, municipal drinking water is cleansed of germs -- but not drugs. Traces of 56 human and veterinary pharmaceuticals or their byproducts -- like the active ingredients in medicines for pain, infection, high cholesterol, asthma, epilepsy, mental illness and heart problems -- have been detected in Philadelphia's drinking water. Starting their winding journey in medicine cabinets and feed bins, they are what's left of drugs excreted or discarded from homes and washed from farms upriver. Is Philadelphia worried? Not so far. Tens of millions of Americans here and elsewhere drink water that has tested positive for minute concentrations of pharmaceuticals, and they don't even realize it, The Associated Press learned during a five-month investigation. Though U.S. waterways coast to coast are contaminated with residues of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, there's no national strategy to deal with them -- no effective mandates to test, treat, limit or even advise the public.

American Airlines cancels 900 more flights

American Airlines canceled more than 900 flights Thursday as it continues to perform safety inspections on certain jets. It's the third consecutive day of cancellations for American Airlines, which has apologized to customers and offered to make amends with refunds, vouchers, and compensation for overnight stays. American also canceled several hundred flights for the same reason about two weeks ago. American Airlines canceled 1,094 flights on Wednesday -- 43 percent of its total daily flights -- and 460 flights the day before. The flights were scrapped so inspectors could make sure the airline complied with a federal directive relating to how wires should be bundled in the wheel well of MD-80 jets. Passengers scheduled to fly on an American Airlines MD-80 between Tuesday and Friday can receive a full refund or apply the value of their ticket to a future flight, the airline said. People who stayed overnight as a result of a canceled flight can contact the company's Web site to inquire about receiving compensation. The cancellations Wednesday caused long lines in several airports. Representatives at Chicago O'Hare International Airport said they were doing all they can to "assist passengers affected by the American Airlines cancellations." At Dallas Forth Worth International Airport, representatives provided "cots, baby formula and all-night eateries."



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MySpace expands site targeting U.S. Latinos

The online hangout MySpace is expanding its offerings for U.S. Hispanics, adding eight bilingual communities focused on Latino bands and celebrities, soccer and other interests. The year-old MySpace Latino has largely been a translation of MySpace's English site into Spanish. Beginning Tuesday, MySpace is unveiling content specific to one of the fastest growing groups online. MySpace officials say that switching between English and Spanish should generally be seamless. MySpace officials have held preliminary discussions about creating programs targeting other groups, including blacks, but no definite plans have been announced. It is expanding the Latino site now because of its growth; it has added tens of thousands of Hispanic users each month with little promotion.

Hispanics a key to Texas Democratic deadlock

The virtually tied Texas Democratic primary has East Austin diners talking at Cisco's, where politicos have gathered over breakfast for generations. A day before the critical election, the state's 3.6 million eligible Hispanic voters could tip the balance in delegate-rich Texas toward Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama. But they're deeply divided. Both campaigns are targeting voters in the state's heavily Hispanic regions: The New York senator is relying on a loyal grass-roots network of community leaders, while Obama is working to attract younger voters to the polls. The stakes are sky-high for both candidates, as each looks at Texas and Ohio voters on Tuesday to help rack up more delegates needed to win the party nomination. After 11 straight defeats by Obama, Clinton's longtime strategist James Carville has said if the former first lady fails in either Texas or Ohio, "this thing is done." Loyal Hispanics may save Clinton -- or younger Hispanic voters may allow Obama to basically wrap up the nomination in Texas. Voter surveys suggest Obama may be chipping away at Clinton's domination of the Hispanic vote. A recent poll of eligible Hispanic voters nationwide showed Obama not only erasing a 31-point gap against Clinton in just a week, but taking the lead by 4 percentage points. Clinton led Obama 63 percent to 32 percent in the poll's results from February 5-9. But by February 13-17, Obama had taken the lead 50 percent to 46 percent. The tracking poll, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points, surveyed about 2,000 eligible Democratic voters. Not far from the grill, diners remarked how similar Obama and Clinton are on many issues -- and because of that -- they've chosen their candidates based on their gut feelings. But nowhere else is the fight for Hispanic voters more competitive than South Texas, where Clinton and Obama have enlisted powerful political forces to rally support.



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Latino voters want a better idea of 'change'

The debate between Democrats Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois was long on rhetoric and -- where Hispanics are concerned -- short on reality. The bigger loser after Thursday night's debate in Austin was Sen. Obama, not because he made any critical missteps so much as he missed the opportunity to connect with Texas Hispanics in any meaningful way. Though voters may not have a strong sense about his liberal philosophies, they seem to appreciate Obama's approachable demeanor and passion. Clinton just doesn't come close. It's like comparing a dolphin to a frozen mackerel. Personal charisma is an important element of the American Hispanic experience. Obama's undeniable charisma, therefore, has helped to broaden his appeal, to young Latinos especially. But Thursday night's debate had each candidate checking off the boxes on the standard list of minority entitlements while offering tired bromides aimed to strike a response chord with the victim-class. But just who are the victims?

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